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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,8-10,12 and 15-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 8-10, 12 and 15-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the filing of June 11, 2007 Claims 2-7, 11, and 13-14 have been canceled and Claims 1, 8-10, 12 and 15-21 are pending and have been considered below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 9, 15-18 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan (US 2003/0028364 A1) in view of Sullivan (US 20030016238 A1).

Claim 1: Chan discloses a system for extending online help, comprising:

a.) importing an integrated development environment extension (Page 1, Paragraph 7-8), (Page 4, Paragraph 37);

b.) processing documentation content upon import of the integrated development environment extension wherein the documentation content includes context sensitive help topics (Page 1, Paragraph 5);

but does not explicitly disclose

c.) displaying operations for a help system wherein search capabilities and table of contents are automatically updated after the integrated development environment extension is imported. However Sullivan discloses a context based help engine and dynamic help and further discloses displaying updated help topics to user when context has changed (Page 7, Paragraph 73). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have updates of help topics when an extension is added in Chan as taught by Sullivan. One would have been motivated to update the help system because it allows user to conduct thorough queries improving user efficiency.

Claim 9: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in Claim 1 above and further disclose that the help system can be integrated with an extension installation mechanism (Page 2, Paragraph 15-16).

Claim 15: Chan and Sullivan disclose a help system including context-sensitive help topics as in Claim 1 above and further disclose that help topics are organized by a context ID (Page 7, Paragraph 60-61).

Claim 16: Chan and Sullivan disclose that help topics are organized by a context ID as in Claim 15 above and further disclose the context ID is a fully qualified Java class (Page 1 Paragraph 6-8).

Claim 17: Chan and Sullivan disclose that help topics are organized by a context ID as in Claim 15 above and further disclose the context ID is a fully qualified name from a non-Java resource (Page 1 Paragraph 6-8).

Claim 18: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in claim 1 above wherein the documentation content is in HTML or XML format (Page 3, Paragraph 25).

Claim 21: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in Claim 1 above wherein the IDE widgets, controls, and control properties are associated with the documentation topics that can be automatically displayed in the help system when requested by a user performing a context sensitive help gesture (Figure 2; 20). The widgets are provided when using the help system.

3. Claims 8, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan (US 2003/0028364 A1) and Sullivan (US 20030016238 A1) as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of Cohen (US 7024658 B1).

Claim 8: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in Claim 1 above but do not explicitly disclose the help system including a control and a control property. However Cohen discloses an extensible help facility for a computer software application and further discloses the help system with control and control properties (Column 2, Lines 3-13). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time of the invention to include control and control properties in the modified Chan as taught by Cohen. One would have been motivated to include control and control properties to allow user to generate multiple help files aimed at specific files.

Claim 10: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in Claim 1 above but do not explicitly disclose the help display being configured to display content in a web browser. However Cohen discloses an extensible help facility for a computer software application and further discloses the help system being configured to display content in a web browser (Column 2, Lines 3-13). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time of the invention to display content in a web browser of the modified Chan as taught by Cohen. One would have been motivated to include the help display content in a web browser in order to allow user access multiple help files through hyperlinked pages.

Claim 12: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in Claim 1 above but do not explicitly disclose the help display is externally controllable. However Cohen discloses an extensible help facility for a computer software application and further discloses the help system being externally controllable (Column 3, Lines 5-20). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill at the time of the invention to allow the help system to be externally controllable in the modified Chan as taught by Cohen. One would have been motivated to allow the help system be externally controllable because it extends more functionality and operability of the system to the user.

4. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chan (US 2003/0028364 A1) and Sullivan (US 20030016238 A1) as applied to Claim 1 above, and in further view of Chong (US 20020184610 A1).

Claims 19 and 20: Chan and Sullivan disclose a system as in Claim 1 above but do not explicitly disclose that the documentation content can support delivery of help for a particular component in a single archive file and the file being a JAR file. However Chong discloses a system and method for building multi-modal and channel applications and further discloses an extension being a single archive file and the archive file being a JAR file (Page 30, Paragraph 436). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have an archive JAR file in the modified Chan as taught by Chong. One would have been

motivated to have a single archive file instead of having to save a series of files with the extensions, which improves efficiency.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicants arguments filed 6-11-2007 have been considered below:

Argument Claim 1: Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of new ground(s) of rejection, as necessitated by applicant's amendment and rewriting of Claim 1.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherrod Keaton whose telephone number is 571) 270-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. and alternating Fri. off (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KRISTINE KINCAID can be reached on 571-272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3800.

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